



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

MEMORANDUM OF DISMISSAL

TO: Network Billing Systems, LLC

FROM: William Bendetson, Hearing Officer

RE: D.T.C. 19-AR-33

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Cable on its own motion, pursuant to G.L. c. 159 §§ 12, 32 and 39, and G.L. c. 166 §§ 11 and 12, regarding the failure by individually-named common carriers of telecommunications services to file annual returns for calendar years 2016 and/or 2017.

DATE: August 28, 2020

On December 20, 2019, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") issued a Notice of Investigation and Hearing ("Notice") and Order Opening Investigation ("Order") in docket D.T.C. 19-AR, regarding the failure of 67 telecommunications carriers to file annual returns for calendar years 2016 and/or 2017. The Notice and Order directed the named companies to respond by January 29, 2020 with information, in part, on whether the company: (1) could produce the relevant annual returns; (2) could provide an explanation regarding the reasonableness of the failure to file; and (3) provided telecommunications services within the Commonwealth during the applicable calendar year(s).

On February 14, 2020, the Department received a response from Network Billing Systems, LLC ("Network Billing") with its annual return for 2017. Numerous parts, however, of the annual return were left blank. The Department engaged in further inquiry, and after several conversations with Network Billing, it became clear that the missing information was not available. The Department is satisfied that the carrier has provided as much information as possible and made a good faith effort to find the missing information. Therefore, the Department determines that Network Billing has fulfilled its annual return filing requirement for 2017, and dismisses the case for docket D.T.C. 19-AR-33.

/s/ _____
William Bendetson
Hearing Officer